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LET'S NOT BREAK OLD PROMISES TO OUR VETERANS

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, there's something wrong when the administration says we can afford to build new hospitals in Iraq, but we cannot afford to keep open six veterans' hospitals here in America.

It would be shameful, during a time of war, to be cutting medical services for American veterans, even as we are improving health care for Iraqi citizens. As we make new promises to Iraqis, let's not break old promises to our veterans.

Vote "yes" on the motion to recommit to increasing VA health care by \$1.3 billion. Our vets deserve no less.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. CORCORAN

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 27, 2003 I attended a Mass of Christian Burial for John M. Corcoran of Massachusetts. The Mass, held at St. Elizabeth's Church in Milton, Massachusetts celebrated the life of a very special person. I offer my condolences to John's two sons, John and Thomas; his sisters, Mary, Theresa, Claire, Bernadette and Frances, and his two brothers, Joe and Leo. I would also ask unanimous consent to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the Boston Globes's obituary, that was so eloquently written by Tom Long.

JOHN CORCORAN, DEVELOPER OF REAL ESTATE, GOOD WILL; AT 80

John M. Corcoran grew up in a triple-decker at the end of the driveway to St. Margaret's Hospital in Dorchester, and he never forgot where he came from. After earning millions as a real estate developer, he contributed time and money in the creation of St. Mary's Women and Infant Center, a multiservice agency for Dorchester residents that was born in 1993 after St. Margaret's closed.

"He knew what it was like to live in poverty, and knew what a difference it could make when you had support around you," Judy Beckler, president of the Women and Infant Center, said yesterday, of Mr. Corcoran, 80, who died Wednesday at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Beckler said she couldn't give a figure for how much money Mr. Corcoran donated to the center. "It's not something he would approve of," she said. "He hoped, in time, people would understand that his time and commitment were more important than any money he donated."

But the total was at least \$500,000, according to a story published in the Globe in 1995.

The center now includes a homeless shelter, has 20 beds for pregnant teenagers and is home to nine nonprofit groups that offer a

number of services from child care to computer training.

"He wanted us to become a vital institution in Dorchester," said Beckler. "He had a commitment and a vision, and really believed that folks could make a difference in other people's lives."

As a member of the center's board of trustees, Mr. Corcoran was always willing to ask the hard questions. "He once told me, 'I learned long ago not to practice trustee etiquette,'" said Beckler.

One of eight children of an Irish-immigrant factory worker, Mr. Corcoran sometimes hawked newspapers as a young man to help his family make ends meet. He shoveled coal at St. Margaret's. And he spent a childhood summer with relatives in Ireland.

He attended Boston English High School. When the United States entered World War II, he answered the call and became a paratrooper.

In the months before the D-Day invasion of France, his family lost contact with him for three months. Every night, the sound of rosary beads rattled through the two-bedroom apartment in Dorchester as his siblings prayed for his safe return.

Finally his mother received a letter. "Mom, I smelled something today that I haven't smelled since I was 7," he wrote, "the sweet smell of turf burning on a fire."

To his family's relief, Mr. Corcoran was alive and well and training in Ireland.

Mr. Corcoran parachuted into France in the early hours of the D-Day invasion.

"I once asked him what D-Day was like," his brother Joe of Milton said yesterday. "He said: 'It was the most exhilarating and most exciting time of my life; unfortunately, some people got killed, and others got hurt.'"

Mr. Corcoran was among the injured. He was awarded a Bronze Star as well as a Purple Heart.

After the war, Mr. Corcoran attended Boston College. He completed his bachelor's degree in three years, even though he was working 40 hours a week shoveling coal at St. Margaret's.

He then began John M. Corcoran & Co., a real estate development firm, which he operated with his brothers Leo and Joe, who later left to start his own firm, Corcoran Jennison Companies.

"We were a lot more confident than our parents were," Mr. Corcoran told The World of Hibernia magazine. "We knew we were at least as smart as anyone else—if not smarter. And you also knew you were an American, and you had that right."

John M. Corcoran & Co. has built or managed more than 15,000 apartment units and a million square feet of suburban properties including Quincy Commons and Weymouth Commons apartment complexes.

Mr. Corcoran contributed to many charities, among them the Christian Jewish Center at Boston College, where he was a trustee.

He had 50 nieces and nephews, and he loved to ski. Every year, he brought his extended family on a ski trip to New Hampshire. For many years, he rented the entire Bartlett Hotel for his family, and children would be running through its hallways for a week.

Each year, Mr. Corcoran took a trip to the Alta Ski Area in Utah. "He was looking forward to going this year," said Joe. "When you reach 80 years old, you get to ski for free. It wasn't the money, but it was a status thing with him."

In addition to his brothers, both of whom are Milton residents, he leaves two sons, John and Thomas, also of Milton; five sisters, Mary of Dorchester, Theresa of Quincy, and Claire Carten, Bernadette Richards, and Frances Richer, all of Milton; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be said Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Elizabeth's Church in Milton. Burial will be in Milton Cemetery.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DENISE L. MAJETTE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Ms. MAJETTE. Mr. Speaker, every three minutes a woman in America is diagnosed with breast cancer. One in eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 40 and 55.

In my state of Georgia, this year an estimated 5,400 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 1,000 women will die from the disease.

In the two counties I represent, 86 people a year die from breast cancer in DeKalb County and in Gwinnett County, 38 people a year die from breast cancer.

The breast cancer death rate is even higher among African American women—with an estimated 20,000 expected new cases in 2003.

Early detection is the key. Mammography screening can detect the disease before any symptoms occur.

Women must have guaranteed access to mammograms and preventive care, including regular checkups.

We also need to prevent insurers and employers from discriminating against women because they are more likely to get diseases like breast cancer. We must pass the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance and Employment Act.

But our top priority must be finding a cure.

Too many of our sisters, mothers, daughters and friends die from this disease. Funding early prevention and finding a cure should be national priorities.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARE- NESS MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of October being the month to increase awareness of domestic violence, and educate individuals about the services available to assist victims. Therefore, it is significant that we recognize October as the National Awareness Month for Domestic Violence.

According to the United States Department of Justice, domestic violence can be defined as, a pattern of coercive behavior designed to exert power and control over a person in an intimate relationship through the use of intimidating, threatening, harmful, or harassing behavior. Partners may be married or not married, heterosexual, gay, lesbian, living together, separated or dating.

Over the last thirty years, there has been a radical change in not only the understanding of domestic violence, but also the acknowledgement of responses from individuals and

society. According to the most recent report from the Department of Justice, there were almost 700,000 incidents of domestic violence in 2001. Approximately one-third of women who are murdered each year are killed by their current or former husband or partner. Children who are subjected to domestic violence too often grow up to inflict violence on others, creating a cycle of violence that must be stopped.

Nearly one in every three adult women experiences at least one physical assault by a partner during adulthood. Approximately four million American women experience a serious assault by an intimate partner each year. Six times as many women who experience violence by an intimate partner, 18 percent, as by a stranger, 3 percent, do not report the crime. Several types of violence and abuse usually occur within the family; men who batter their intimate partners are more likely to abuse their children too. Unfortunately, every fifteen seconds in the United States, a woman is brutally battered by her partner. As you hear these words, a woman is being beaten.

Despite the increase reports of domestic violence in Chicago, the police and other related agencies receive an average of 560 domestic violence calls each day. About half the murders involved domestic disputes and approximately fifty percent of homicides are attributed to a domestic situation.

To bring attention to this horrendous issue, October has been designated as the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mr. Speaker, let all of us renew our Nation's commitment to prevent and punish the perpetrators of this despicable crime and bring hope and healing to those affected by it.

INDIANA 293RD GUARD SERVED NATION WELL

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, after 10 months of serving our Nation in Iraq, the heroic soldiers of the 293rd National Guard Division of Indiana have returned home.

These brave soldiers left three of their colleagues behind: SFC Craig A. Bolling, SPC Brian M. Clemens, and PFC Anthony R. Wagner. They gave the ultimate sacrifice so the rest of us may be free.

The soldiers of the 293rd are not full-time soldiers. They have other jobs. Their families, and their employers, did not expect them to be gone so long. They too have made sacrifices in the war on terrorism.

Because of their efforts, we are fighting in the streets of Baghdad—not in the streets of Indiana and the United States. Because of their efforts we have at least temporarily disrupted the worldwide terrorist networks. Because of their efforts the people of Iraq at least have a chance to exercise freedom and a life free from terror.

We know not what the future holds. But we do know that because of the soldiers in the 293rd Indiana Guard, as well as all the other brave men and women serving in the Iraq arena, we at least have done what we can in the battle for freedom and against terrorism. We honor them for their sacrifices for us.

The following is a list of all those who served in the 293rd.

FALLEN SOLDIERS

SFC BOLING CRAIG A—CO C, 1-293D INF, DECEASED: 8-JUL-03, LOCATION OF DEATH: CAMP WOLF, KUWAIT, INCIDENT REGARDING DEATH: SEIZURE, HOMETOWN: ELKHART, IN.

SPC CLEMENS BRIAN M—CO C, 1-293D INF, DECEASED: 6-FEB-03, LOCATION OF DEATH: ARIFJAN, KUWAIT, INCIDENT REGARDING DEATH: HUMMVEE ROLL-OVER, MULTIPLE TRAUMA INJURIES, HOMETOWN: KOKOMO, IN.

PFC WAGNER ANTHONY R—CO B, 1-293D INF., DECEASED: 21-NOV-02, LOCATION OF DEATH: INDIANAPOLIS (1-70), INCIDENT REGARDING DEATH: POV ACCIDENT, HOMETOWN: SOUTH WHITELY, IN.

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SPC ANDERSON JUSTIN J—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC ANDREWS DONALD L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC BAKER CORY L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC BAKER STEVEN S—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC BALL PHILLIP L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT BARTELL MARK D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG BAUMGARTNER JEFFERY A—CO A, 1-293D INF; PV2 BONNELL BRANDON J—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC BONTRAGER JUSTIN K—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC BROWN ADAM D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG BUSSARD GREGORY A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC BYRD JOSEPH N—CO A, 1-293D INF; PV2 CANTU ADRIAN JR—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC CANTU JOSHUA—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC CARLSON HARVEY A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC CHURCH DERRICK E—CO A, 1-293D INF; MAJ COOMLER JEFFREY S—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT CROY KENNETH R—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC DEETZ LAWRENCE R—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT DEMOREST DREW A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC DIETSCH MATHEW R—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC DRAKE SCOTT R—CO A, 1-293D INF; SFC ELLERMAN LAWRENCE E—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC ERWIN CRAIG D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC ESPINOZA ALBERTO—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC EVERSON JOSEPH P—CO A, 1-293D INF; SFC FACE JEFFERY A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT FARRINGTON DARRELL L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC FATHAUER DALE A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC FELKER MICHAEL L—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC FITTS WILLIAM E—CO A, 1-293D INF.

SPC FOLDS MILTON W—CO A, 1-293D INF; PV2 FULK TRENT A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT GARCIA ARTURO—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC GILLEY BENJAMIN J—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC GIPSON CHARLES D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC GOHEEN ADAM L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC GOSS MATTHEW A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC GREENAMYER LEE E—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC GREENTREE JUSTIN K—CO A, 1-293D INF; ILT GUY ROBERT D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC HACKWORTH CLIFTON A—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC HARRINGTON BRIAN K—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC HARRIS LAWRENCE S—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC HARTER JOSEPH O—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC HARTZELL JOSHUA R—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC HASWELL ROBERT L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT HAVILAND WILLIAM F—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT HAWKINS GLENNIS R—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC HOCHSTETLER DAVID L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG HOLCOMB TRAVIS R—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG HYGEMA MARCUS A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC JEWELL WILLIAM D—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC JOHNSON RAYMOND B—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC KING PHILLIP A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT KING ROGER D—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC LANDIS KURT V—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG LAWRENCE JEFFERY L—CO A, 1-293D INF.

PFC LEWIS JONAS W—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC LEWIS MICHAEL T—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC LEWIS STEPHEN B—CO A, 1-293D INF; PVT LLOYD EPHRAIM W—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC LONG JOHN—CO A, 1-293D INF;

SGT LUNG DANNY K—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC MANTELL ANTHONY W—CO A, 1-293D INF; MSG MARTINEZ ANDRES E—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG MCDONALD CHRISTOPHER—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC MEDLOCK CHARLES K—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG METZ LEE D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC MIDDLETON WILLIAM V—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG MILLER JEFFREY A—CO A, 1-293D INF.

SPC MILLER KEITH A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC MILLER TIMOTHY A—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT MILLER WILLIAM J—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT MOONEY MICHAEL T—CO A, 1-293D INF; PV2 MOORE DONALD D—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC NAFTZGER JACOB R—CO A, 1-293D INF; PVT NICODEMUS MICHAEL J—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC NOBLE ROSS H—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG ORICK CHARLES K—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT OUSLEY KEITH L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT PETTIT ROBBIN M—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG PILIPIAK TRACY A—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC RAKOCZY JEREMIAH L—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC RAYMER JUSTIN M—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC REUTEBUCH RYAN R—CO A, 1-293D INF; PV2 RIDER TRAVIS L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC RILEY ANDREW S—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG RITTER KIRK C—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC ROBERTS WILLIAM D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC ROMERO BENJAMIN—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC SEROVY JOSEPH L—CO A, 1-293D INF; PVT SHATTO NATHAN E—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC SIMCOX STEPHEN W—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT SPENCER MATTHEW S—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT SPITLER MICHAEL C—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT SPRATT BRADLEY W—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG STAHL JON D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC STAMPER RAYMOND T—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT STAYNER JOHN C—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC STINFER CARLOS—CO A, 1-293D INF.

PVT SUTERA MICHAEL R—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC SUTTON DONALD L—CO A 1-293D INF; SPC TODD DAVID W—CO A, 1-293D INF; PFC TROLINGER JAMES A—CO A, 1-293D INF; ILT TROYER AARON W—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC TRUELOVE BARRY W—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC TURNER LONNIE D—CO A, 1-293D INF; SSG VANCE PATRICK J—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC VANWAGNER MATTHEW D—CO A, 1-293D INF; 2LT WEAVER ANDREW M—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC WEEKS CHARLES B—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT WILLIS JACK R—CO A, 1-293D INF; PV2 WIRT JEFFERY M—CO A, 1-293D INF; PV2 WITHAM CRAIG E—CO A, 1-293D INF; SPC WOLF KENNETH W—CO A, 1-293D INF; SFC WOOD GENE E—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT ZICKEFOOSE KEVIN L—CO A, 1-293D INF; SGT ZUELSDORFF MICHAEL D—CO A, 1-293D INF.

PFC AKER JOSHUA K—CO B, 1-293D INF; PFC AMBURGEY JOHN P—CO B, 1-293D INF; SSG ARNOLD MARK E—CO B, 1-293D INF; PFC BABCOCK SHAWN L—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC BAKER CLINTON P—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC BALLEW ROBERT N—CO B, 1-293D INF; SSG BECKER DANIEL F—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC BENTLEY STEVEN D—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC BOLLHOEFER DEREK R—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC BOND JASON E—CO B, 1-293D INF; SFC BRASS JOHN J—CO B, 1-293D INF; SGT BRICKER JEREMY J—CO B, 1-293D INF; SSG BRIDGEWATER RYAN S—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC BROOKS ROBERT E—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC BUCK MICHAEL S—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC BUESCHING JOSHUA P—CO B, 1-293D INF; PV2 BURGESS WARREN JR—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC CAMPBELL COREY R—CO B, 1-293D INF; PFC CASTRO JONATHAN A—CO B, 1-293D INF; PFC CHILDS MATTHEW R—CO B, 1-293D INF; SPC CLOTHIER MATTHEW S—CO B, 1-293D INF; SGT COX QUINN A—CO B 1-293D INF.

SSG CREE JAMES F—CO B, 1-293D INF; SSG DEMOREST DERRICK T—CO B, 1-293D INF; PFC EDWARDS EVAN L—CO B, 1-293D